



PLANNING ENVIRONMENT SUMMARY

Introduction

THE MORGAN HILL BIKEWAYS, TRAILS, PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN (the Master Plan) will weave together three existing separate plans including the Bikeways Master Plan (updated in 2008), the Trails and Natural Resources Study (2007) and the Parks and Recreation Master Plan (2001). The Master Plan will provide a current, comprehensive and community-driven tool for City staff and decision-makers to prioritize improvements and investments for Morgan Hill's bikeways, trails, parks and recreation system. The Master Plan will enhance the City's existing system with infrastructure and programming that meet the current and future needs of the community.

The Master Plan will be guided by City policies, including the General Plan and Municipal Code. In conjunction with its current General Plan Update (Morgan Hill 2035), the City is updating its Zoning Code, Residential Development Control System (RDCS) and Infrastructure (water, sewer, storm drainage, and telecommunications) Master Plans. Concurrent plan development will help to ensure consistency across plans and to surface opportunities and efficiencies.

Organization

This Planning Environment Summary presents the project team's understanding of policies, standards, practices, and plans as they relate to Morgan Hill's bikeways, trails, parks and recreation development and is organized into five major sections:

- I. **Guiding Documents** include the General Plan and Municipal Code. The General Plan provides a long-range vision for Morgan Hill and policies to help guide that vision. The Municipal Code is a regulatory tool that helps the City to implement the policies set by the General Plan. The policies in the General Plan will inform the Master Plan and the Master Plan will also provide guidance for the General Plan.
- II. **Existing Plans** to be updated through the Master Plan include The Bikeways Master Plan (2008), Trails and Natural Resources Study (2007) and Parks and Recreation Master Plan (2001).

- III. **City Policies and Practices** include the Field Use and Park Facility Rental Policy. The Master Plan may include recommendations for new or revised policies and practices, including operations and maintenance standards.
- IV. **Related Plans, Policies and Programs** includes a table of City and County plans, policies and programs with a brief overview and description of how it relates to the Master Plan.
- V. **The Appendix** includes details about many of the relevant plans and policies including: specific policies in the General Plan, a map of trail and network improvements recommended by the 2008 Bikeways Plan, the 2007 Trails Study, Downtown Specific Plan Strategies, and Santa Clara County: Existing and Proposed Regional Trail Connections map. Specific policies from these various plans will be referenced in the development of the Master Plan.

Relevant Resources and Planning Initiatives

A number of policies and studies that may affect the Master Plan are in various stages of development. In addition to the guiding document changes discussed in this summary, the following activities should be evaluated or monitored to inform the Master Plan process and recommendations.

- **Regional Resources:** Santa Clara County has several active regional planning initiatives related to open space preservation and regional trails. The City can build upon these planning efforts by connecting Morgan Hills' local bikeways and trails to regional facilities. The consultant and City staff project team and Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) are coordinating with regional and county agencies to align all planning efforts and projects.
- **Demonstration Projects:** In 2015, Morgan Hill piloted complete streets and parklet programs in Downtown. The complete street pilot narrowed Monterey Road through Downtown to one lane of vehicle traffic in each direction and added buffered bicycle lanes. Community members, including Downtown businesses, were divided evenly between supporting and opposing the complete street configuration. In August 2015, City Council voted to return Monterey to four lanes of vehicle traffic with improvements for bicycles and pedestrians. The community's response and the performance of these pilots will help to inform bikeways and park recommendations in the Master Plan.

- **Implementation Tools:** Concurrent planning efforts and impending actions include the General Plan Update, RDCS Update, the reinstatement of the Recreation Development Impact Fee and the re-zoning of a portion of the Southeast Quadrant. These items will be closely tracked throughout the Master Planning process and incorporated into the Master Plan appropriately.

I. Guiding Documents

GENERAL PLAN

Morgan Hill's General Plan establishes policy and guides the City's decision-making based on the community's vision. The existing General Plan is currently being revised as one element of a larger project called Morgan Hill 2035. Morgan Hill 2035 includes updates to the General Plan, the Zoning Code, the Residential Development Control System (RDCS), and Infrastructure (water, sewer, storm drainage, and telecommunications) Master Plans. The General Plan is being updated by City staff working with a consulting team and the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) made up of community members representing a variety of groups and a diversity of viewpoints. The Public Review Draft of the General Plan was distributed in November 2015 with Planning Commission and City Council study sessions planned for 2016.

The Morgan Hill 2035 planning process is expected to be complete in 2016. The Bikeways, Trails, Parks and Recreation Master Plan will apply community priorities established by the Morgan Hill 2035 process. The Master Plan's policies will support the updated General Plan goals, policies and actions to ensure consistent and mutually supportive goals and policies are included in each.

Additionally, community input on the needs and priorities for the bikeways, trails, parks and recreation system may contribute to refining policies in the General Plan.

The General Plan supports a robust parks, trails, recreation and open space system. The updated General Plan is composed of seven elements including City and Neighborhood Form, Housing, Economic Development, Healthy Community, Transportation, Natural Resources and Environment, and Safety Services and Infrastructure. Several of these elements include goals and policies that provide guidance for the Master Plan. Relevant goals and areas of special considerations are listed below for

each of the General Plan Elements and the corresponding policies and actions are included in the appendix.

CITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD FORM ELEMENT

The City and Neighborhood Form Element discusses growth management, land use, and urban design. The purpose of the element is to ensure that Morgan Hill retains its rural atmosphere while accommodating sensible, orderly growth that will promote the local economy and fit within the City's ability to provide adequate public services.

The City and Neighborhood Form Element provides strategies for shaping the character of the built environment of Morgan Hill. The Master Plan will contribute to the unique character of neighborhoods by making recommendations for a diverse range of bikeways and park facilities that can enhance the vibrancy of the City's built and natural landscapes.

- GOAL CNF-1 An improved, effective, efficient, fair, equitable, flexible, and user-friendly planning and decision-making process.
- GOAL CNF-6 High-quality services and facilities that keep pace with community needs and standards.
- GOAL CNF-8 A visually attractive urban environment.
- GOAL CNF-11 High quality, aesthetically pleasing, livable, sustainable, well-planned residential neighborhoods, well-connected to neighborhood services.
- GOAL CNF-14 A vibrant, identifiable Downtown enlivened by public events, place-making activities, residences and businesses, taking advantage of the train station.
- GOAL CNF-19 Distinct, attractive, inviting, and improved gateways to the community.

Relevant **City and Neighborhood Form Element** policies are listed in **Appendix A, section 1.**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Economic Development Element seeks to diversify the local economy, increase job opportunities for local residents, decrease the need to commute, and expand the city's job base. The Master Plan will support the City's policies related to recreation tourism and arts and culture. Relevant Economic Development Goals include:

- GOAL ED-4 A vibrant, enhanced, visible, and well-promoted tourist industry that draws on Morgan Hill's unique character and variety of amenities.

- GOAL ED-9 Public and private infrastructure that helps make Morgan Hill a competitive business location.

Relevant **Economic Development Element** policies are listed in **Appendix A, section 2.**

HEALTHY COMMUNITY ELEMENT

The Healthy Community Element addresses the built environment as well as programs and partnerships that contribute to the overall health and well-being of Morgan Hill's residents. The City considers elements of a healthy lifestyle to include convenient and safe access to health care, active recreation, education, social, services, and fresh food. Similarly, Morgan Hill values the educational, cultural, and social development and participation of all residents, regardless of age or socioeconomic status.

The Master Plan will support the goals in the Healthy Community Element through strategies for facility and programs that provide opportunities for people to engage in a healthy lifestyle. Additionally, the Master Plan will align with this element's emphasis on providing access to healthy opportunities for residents of all ages and socio-economic groups. The Healthy Community element includes specific policy guidance for parks.

- GOAL HC-1 Coordinated urban and school development.
- GOAL HC-2 A built environment and community services that serve the special needs of youth and seniors, allowing residents to age in place.
- GOAL HC-3 Usable, complete, well-maintained, safe, and high-quality activities and amenities, including active and passive parks and recreational facilities, community gardens, and trails that are accessible to all ages, functional abilities, and socio-economic groups. *This Goal includes policies (3.2-3.3) related to the park land standard and park land fees.*
- GOAL HC-4 Support for culture and the arts as key assets for a unique and authentic community.
- GOAL HC-6 Options for residents at all income, education, and mobility levels to access healthy food and food education.

Relevant **Healthy Community Element** policies are listed in **Appendix A, Section 3**

TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT

The Transportation Element identifies the Master Planned network for all modes of transportation, including cars, bikes, pedestrians, and goods movement. This element will guide the Master Plan's

approach to trails, park connectivity and bicycle infrastructure. The Transportation Element seeks to increase connectivity within Morgan Hill and between Morgan Hill and surrounding cities.

Well-planned bikeways, trails and parks are essential in achieving these goals and the Master Plan will use the City's transportation goals to help inform trail recommendations. In addition to trail and park connectivity, the Master Plan process will consider opportunities for streetscape improvements such as lights, trees, signage and bicycle parking that will make Morgan Hill's streetscapes more attractive and safe for bicycles and pedestrians. Relevant Transportation Goals include:

- GOAL TR-1 A balanced, safe, and efficient circulation system for all segments of the community, meeting local needs and accommodating projected regional and sub-regional traffic while protecting neighborhoods.
- GOAL TR-2 A system designed for a healthy, active community based on complete streets, smart growth, and Sustainable Communities strategies; reflecting a balanced, safe, multimodal transportation system for all users, especially in Downtown where pedestrian, bicycle, and transit facilities will be emphasized along with vehicular facilities.
- GOAL TR-8 A useable and comprehensive bikeway system that safely connects neighborhoods with workplaces and community destinations.
- GOAL TR-9 Expanded pedestrian opportunities.
- GOAL TR-11 Coordinated transportation planning efforts with local, regional, State and federal agencies.

Relevant **Transportation** policies are included in **Appendix A, Section 4**.

NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

The Natural Resources and Environment Element plans for Morgan Hill's open space, biological resources, agriculture, water and energy conservation, and historic preservation. This Element will guide the Master Plan's recommendations for new parkland, programming, planting palettes and design. Relevant Open Space Goals include:

- GOAL NRE-2 Preservation of hillside areas as open space and scenic features.
- GOAL NRE-3 A stable, long-term City boundary reinforced by a greenbelt.
- GOAL NRE-5 Preservation and reclamation of streams and riparian areas as open space.
- GOAL NRE-6 Protection of native plants, animals, and sensitive habitats.
- GOAL NRE-10 Reduced air pollution emissions.

- GOAL NRE-15 An adaptive and resilient community that responds to climate change.
- GOAL NRE-16 Conservation of energy resources.

Relevant **Natural Resources and Environment** policies are included in **Appendix A, Section 5**.

SAFETY SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The Public Health and Safety Element includes strategies to protect the Morgan Hill community from hazardous areas and materials and/or provide adequate mitigation. It also includes policies related to water resources.

The Master Plan will include strategies to support these goals through the application of stormwater management and water conservation principles and strategies for waste management in parks and recreation facilities. Relevant Safety Services and Infrastructure goals include:

- GOAL SSI-14 High quality water resources, managed effectively.
- GOAL SSI-17 Reduced generation of solid waste and increased diversion of waste from landfills.

Relevant Safety Services and Infrastructure policies are included in Appendix A, Section 6.

MORGAN HILL MUNICIPAL CODE

The City's Municipal Code regulates land use, building codes, activities allowed in parks, park hours, landscaping, and parking (cars and bicycles). The Master Plan will make recommendations that are consistent with the Municipal Code. The Master Plan will provide recommendations for updates to Municipal Code if and where appropriate. The following titles are pertinent to the Master Plan:

TITLE 10. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

This chapter includes standards for street, intersection and crosswalk designs, with implications for bikeways.

TITLE 12. STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC PLACES

This chapter includes ordinances related to park use, park hours, conduct in parks, special permits for parks, specific regulations related to the use of skate park facilities, and tree and preservation management. This chapter also includes a restricted tree list as well as landscape standards.

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT CODE

Morgan Hills' Residential Development Control System (RDCS) includes specific standards and criteria for open spaces, parks and paths, landscaping screen and color, natural and environmental features and livable community features in private developments. The City recently updated the RDCS, which is currently in Public Review Draft. A draft final RDCS will be completed in the spring of 2016 in preparation for the updated RDCS ballot measure anticipated to be included on the November 2016 ballot. The standards and criteria describe the rating system of points provided to developers for inclusion of various amenities such as Class I bicycle pathways or equestrian trails, pedestrian connections and swimming pools among many other facilities. For RDCS allotments, points are awarded only to projects that exceed the minimum standards required by the City.

II. Existing Plans to be Updated in the Master Plan

Below are summaries of the three existing plans that the Master Plan will combine into one current, comprehensive and integrated plan. The Master Plans include the Bikeways Master Plan (2008), the Trails and Natural Resources Study (2007) and the Parks and Recreation Master Plan (2001).

BIKEWAYS MASTER PLAN (2008)

The Morgan Hill Bikeways Master Plan Update (Bikeways Plan) adopted in 2008, builds on the City's first Bikeways Master Plan, approved in 2001. The Bikeways Plan provides policy vision, design guidance, and specific recommendations for improving conditions for bicycling in Morgan Hill. The Master Planning process will revise and update relevant strategies from the 2008 Bikeways Plan as well as identify new opportunities for connectivity and usability.

The Master Planning process will evaluate the Bikeways Plan goals. The Master Plan will incorporate relevant goals and modify or add other goals to meet the community's current needs and conditions. The goals include:

- Inventory and evaluate existing cycling conditions.
- Assess potential bicycle connections to residential areas, commercial and employment centers, community facilities, schools, parks, and regional trails.
- Evaluate the potential to expand pathways along creeks and drainage ways.

- Suggest improvements to existing and proposed routes to enhance bicycle safety, such as intersection improvements and railroad crossings.
- Evaluate existing and potential bicycle parking facilities.
- Evaluate existing and potential bicycle safety and promotion programs for both private and public Morgan Hill schools.
- Establish an estimate of capital costs to implement the Bikeways Master Plan over time.

The 2008 Bikeway Plan highlights the existing bikeway network, which includes trails and park paths and details the infrastructure and programs that were implemented since the 2001 Plan. This list of achievements includes a number of Class I and Class II Bicycles lanes, new bike parking, design and plan procedures, and maps.

The Bikeways Plan includes a number of priorities for ongoing development. The Master Plan will build upon these priorities, which include:

- Bicycle parking: To provide a safe place to park at destination.
- Design and Maintenance: The bikeway network should be based on agreed standards to maximize efficiency, consistency and safety.
- Implementation: Mechanisms and funding sources, particularly funding sources in combination, to implement the Master Plan.
- Bicycle Safety and promotion programs: Improving safety, convenience and pleasantness. Education and promotion to improve knowledge, skills and attitudes for appropriate shared streets.

The Bikeways Plan also identifies a number of areas of program development including, safe routes to school, adopt-a-trail, and skills based education. The Master Planning process will evaluate the status of these programs to identify programs that have successfully been implemented. The Master Plan will support the continuation of successful programs and recommend expansion, new programs or refinements where there are programming gaps or opportunities. **See Appendix B for the Bikeways Master Plan Update map.**

TRAILS AND NATURAL RESOURCES STUDY (2007)

The Morgan Hill Trails and Natural Resources Study provides long-term direction for guiding trail development. Trails in Morgan Hill provide local routes to destinations within the City as well as connections with regional open spaces and trails. These regional facilities and landscapes contribute to Morgan Hill's character and livability. Given the city's location, trail and natural corridor connections to regional facilities and spaces are important. These connections are supported by regional planning documents including the Santa Clara County Green Print and Santa Clara County Existing and Proposed Regional Trail Map (see Appendix F of this document). The Trails Study describes potential pedestrian routes including off-street and on-street connections. Off-street trails include creek trails, open space trails and park trails. On-street connecting routes provide connections where off-street trails are not possible.

The Master Planning process will evaluate the implementation of the trails recommended in this study, consider the recommendations in the context of Morgan Hill in 2015, identify remaining gaps and opportunities and build upon this system. The study's objectives include:

- Link major public facilities including local parks, city facilities, schools, and regional trails systems.
- Plan for the inclusion of trails and linkages in future urban development.
- Locate staging areas, destinations and open space areas.
- Recommend trail standards.
- Identify trail priorities.

The Study cites General Plan Goals and Policies that directly support the Trails and Natural Resource recommendations. The Master Plan will reference updated General Plan Goals and Policies, as available. **See Appendix C for the Trails map.**

PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN (2001)

The 2001 Parks and Recreation Master Plan is a blueprint for parks and recreation in Morgan Hill. It has served as a guide for the Master Planning, design, operation and maintenance of the City's parks and recreation system. The Goals established in this plan include:

- Assess community need for new recreational facilities, building on the Vision Morgan Hill process.
- Inventory the current state of Morgan Hill’s recreation facilities and programs.
- Provide an opportunity for public input into the parks and recreation planning process.
- Create a plan that meets existing and anticipated future recreation needs within the City’s funding capabilities.
- Define the role of the City’s Recreation Department vis-à-vis other recreation providers.
- Identify the operations and maintenance implications of the Master Plan.
- Identify funding sources for capital improvements and long-term operations and maintenance.
- Develop a phasing plan reflecting community needs and funding availability.
- Develop a set of goals, policies and standards to guide future parks and facility development.

The Parks and Recreation plan provides recommendations for: Parkland acquisition and facility development, Capital improvements funding, Facility design, Recreation Programming, Operations and Maintenance and Homeowners Association Parks. The Master Plan in development will evaluate and update, where necessary, the standards established by the 2001 plan. The evolving needs Morgan Hill’s growing community and the integrated nature of the Master Plan will surface new community needs and new opportunities for the parks and recreation system.

III. Policies and Practices

Parks and Recreation practices are guided by both formal policies and standards, and informal practices, often on a case-by-case basis. The Master Planning process will include a review of adopted policies and practices and include recommendations for new or revised policies and practices, including operations and maintenance standards. The City’s operations and management team will meet during the Master Planning process to review these policies and recommend updates and revisions where appropriate. Following is a list of regulations and informational references that we will take into account in the development of the Master Plan:

- **Field Use Policy:** A priority system has been established due to the high demand for

the limited number of City sport fields. First priority is given to City programs and partner organizations; second priority is given to the school district; third priority is given to resident, non-profit, youth organizations; and fourth priority is given to resident, non-profit teams. The policies also include payment, insurance and other policies relevant to field use.

- **Park Facility Rentals:** hourly park rental options are available for fields, picnic areas, community park concessions and tennis courts and special event permits are available for large groups.
- **City Public Facilities:** the City encourages the use of public facilities, including the Community Cultural Center (CRC), the Morgan Hill Playhouse, and the Council Chambers for community events. The City provides a subsidized rate for groups that directly provide a public service for Morgan Hill residents. City facilities are also available for individuals and businesses to rent at full rates.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY CENTER FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE STUDY

In June 2015, City Council adopted a resolution to initiate a Recreation Center Impact fee. The resolution followed a Recreation and Community Center Facilities Development Impact Fee Study, which provided an analysis of methods for funding the expansion of existing facilities and the construction of new facilities that are required as a direct result of demand brought on by new development. The Study recommended an existing facilities cost allocation approach and provided an inventory of planned facilities. The Master Plan will make recommendations that address how the Recreation Center Impact fee can be used most effectively.

RECREATION PROGRAMMING

The Recreation and Community Services Division provides a diverse range of programs and activities for the community, establishing a culture of fitness and healthy living for families and individuals of all ages. Programs include adult, senior, childhood learning and youth development. The mix of programs in the facilities operated by Recreation and Community Services is ever changing and includes programs offered by other divisions. [The Recreation Activity Guide](#) includes the City of Morgan Hills' recreation programs and services.

Additional analysis of recreation programming will be included in a subsequent work product.

IV. Related Plans and Programs

TABLE I. RELATED PLANS

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| Community Recreation Center Strategic Plan (2015) | The Strategic Plan includes an evaluation of programming and populations served. The Plan includes six initiatives that outline initial actions necessary to move membership programs and services to a consistent baseline level of operations. |
| Senior Programs and Services Support Strategy for the Morgan Hill Community (2015) | This strategic plan was developed by the Community Services Department for the Morgan Hill Centennial Recreation Senior Center. The Strategic Plan provides goals and strategy areas for implementing core senior services and addresses staffing and funding. The Strategic Plan includes focus areas that overlap with elements of the Bikeways, Trails, Park and Recreation system; most pertinent are the health and wellness, volunteerism, and transportation focus areas. Where appropriate, the Master Plan will dovetail with the strategies established by this Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan's recommendation to shift the Senior Services Director from employment with the YMCA to employment with the City may also provide new opportunities for coordination. |
| Aquatics Strategic Plan (2010) | The Aquatics Strategic Plan includes a SWOT analysis of the City's aquatics programs and sets goals and strategic initiatives to meet those goals. |
| Urban Forest Master Plan | The Urban Forest Plan establishes and maintains a long-term vision for the City's street trees and identifies a formal street tree plan. The Master Plan will reference the Urban Forest Master Plan and may recommend updates where appropriate. |
| Downtown Specific Plan | The Downtown Design Plan was adopted in 2003 to guide the revitalization of Downtown Morgan Hill. The Downtown Specific Plan was a refinement of the Design Plan and was adopted on November 4, 2009. The Plan is considered a part of the General Plan (Community Development Policy 13b). The Specific Plan was aimed at setting realistic strategies for achieving the community's |

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| | goals and vision established by the 2003 plan. The Downtown Specific Plan includes Urban Design goals and objectives that are related to the Master Plan, including streetscape improvements and the proposed trail along Llagas Creek. Chapter 3 of the Master Plan includes priorities for Multi-Modal Circulation and Streetscape improvements. Several projects in the Downtown Planning area were implemented in 2015 including three new parks and complete streets improvements on Monterey Road. See Appendix D for relevant policies. |
| Southeast Quadrant (SEQ) | In 2014, City Council passed a resolution to designate the Southeast Quadrant (SEQ) for Agriculture and Sports/Recreation/Leisure (SRL) land uses and initiated the Ag Lands Preservation Program, which is a city-wide program. Pre-Zonings have been adopted for five property owner-initiated projects proposed within the SEQ, including a private high school, outdoor sports fields, sports/recreation-themed retail and restaurant, agriculture, and limited residential units. A key goal for this area is to encourage the preservation and enhancement of open space/agriculture while identifying certain properties for compatible development with sports, recreation, and leisure uses. In March 2016, LAFCO denied the City's requested annexation of 229 acres of the 1,195-acre Southeast Quadrant. |
| Downtown Parks and Open Spaces: A Community Discussion | This document captures the results of workshops that were designed to envision the future of public parks and open spaces in the Downtown District. The document includes strategies and a Llagas Creek Park Design Concept. |
| El Toro Trail Access Strategy | The El Toro Trail Access Strategy, created in 2014, identifies strategic trail access points to El Toro Mountain, a popular hiking destination for Morgan Hill residents and a local landmark. The access strategy sites the appropriate trail head amenities in a manner that makes the trail available to as many citizens as possible while not overly burdening any particular neighborhood. |
| Upper Llagas Creek Flood Protection Project | The Upper Llagas Creek Flood Protection Project (PDF), located in San Martin and the cities of Morgan Hill and Gilroy, will provide flood protection to communities along the East Little Llagas Creek, West Little Llagas Creek and |

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| | Llagas Creek in San Martin and Morgan Hill. In addition, the project design is being updated to protect homes, businesses and acres of agricultural land to preserve and enhance the creek's habitat, fish and wildlife. This project provides an opportunity for a new park and trailway, offering improved connectivity in Morgan Hill. |
| Regional Plans and Policies: Plans by other agencies in the region have implications for the Master Plan. | |
| Santa Clara County General Plan: South County Joint Area Plan | Part 5 of the Santa Clara County General Plan includes transportation and open space and recreation policies that are pertinent to the Master Plan. See Appendix E for relevant policies. |
| Santa Clara Valley Greenprint | Created in 2014 by the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority (OSA), the Greenprint establishes conservation focus areas. The OSA has identified high priority farmland conservation areas in and around Morgan Hill (p. 50 of Greenprint) as well as Rare Natural Communities and Habitats (p. 24 of Greenprint). The Greenprint also includes a map (p. 61) of current and future planned open space trails, with several trails in and around Morgan Hill. The City has started to address this need with the El Toro trail access strategy. The Master Plan will coordinate open space planning with the Greenprint. It will also reference the Greenprint for funding and partnership opportunities such as new payment for ecosystem service programs. See Appendix F for relevant maps. |
| Santa Clara County: Existing and Proposed Regional Trail Connections | Santa Clara County's trail map (updated in 2015) illustrates existing and proposed off-street trails, on-street bike routes with parallel trails, and on-street bike routes including trails in and around Morgan Hill. The Master Planning process will reference this map for proposed bikeways and trails through Morgan Hill to ensure consistency and to identify any gaps in connectivity. See Appendix G for regional trail map. |
| Santa Clara Countywide Trails Master Plan | Updated in November of 2015, the Countywide Trails Master Plan establishes policies and programs to support, among other things, connections between city and regional County open space, parks and trail resources. |

